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HONDURAS NATIONAL SENTENCED FOR ILLEGALLY RE-ENTERING THE U.S.

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Honduras national was sentenced in federal court today for illegally re-entering the United States.

Norma Flamenco-Lopez, 46, a citizen of Honduras living in Kansas City, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. Chief District Judge Dean Whipple this afternoon to one year and eight months in federal prison without parole. The court also ordered that **Flamenco-Lopez** be immediately deported upon the completion of her federal prison sentence.

On July 7, 2004, **Flamenco-Lopez** pleaded guilty to illegally re-entering the United States on March 10, 2004, after having been previously deported from the country. **Flamenco-Lopez** was deported following a 1992 criminal felony conviction for possession of cocaine.

Flamenco-Lopez was originally charged in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on April 6, 2004, in Kansas City.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David A. Barnes. It was investigated by the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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